

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2881 without my signature.

As is evidenced by my targeted preschool initiative that was enacted through AB 172 this year, I am an advocate for providing working families the opportunity for a preschool program that takes into account the need for full day accommodation. However, last year I vetoed a nearly identical bill as this one, AB 927 (Mullin). Changing the name of the preschool program and codifying existing practice already outlined in contractual agreements with the California Department of Education is not the most effective way to accomplish the goals of this bill. My Administration is committed to working with early childhood development, pre-K professionals, and other stakeholders to continue to advance the goals of this bill.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger